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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: KITIMAT PIPELINE: SCHLESINGER TO GILLESPIE  
LETTER OF MARCH 2

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO  
ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES MINISTER ALASTAIR GILLESPIE  
TRANSMITTED BY EMBASSY, MARCH 2:

"DEAR ALASTAIR:

"AS YOU AND I HAVE DISCUSSED, THE UNITED STATES AND  
CANADA HAVE INCREASINGLY DEVELOPED BENEFICIAL JOINT  
INTERESTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN RECENT YEARS. THE  
SEVERAL PROJECTS WHICH HAVE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT  
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MUTUAL BENEFIT INCLUDE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUR MARITIME  
PROVINCES, POSSIBLE STORAGE OF A PORTION OF THE U.S.  
STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE IN CANADA, AND SALES OR ADVANCE  
DELIVERIES OF NATURAL GAS FROM SURPLUS DELIVERABILITY IN  
ALBERTA.

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THOSE AND OTHER

ENDEAVORS THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT INEVITABLY ARISE IN THE COURSE OF SUCH MUTUAL VENTURES.

"I WAS, THEREFORE, CONCERNED WHEN I LEARNED YOUR GOVERNMENT HAD ISSUED AN ANNOUNCEMENT VIRTUALLY FORECLOSING THE KITIMAT OIL PIPELINE PROJECT AS AN OPTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY OUR GOVERNMENTS. AS PERHAPS YOU KNOW, THE CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EXPEDITE THE CONSIDERATION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF THE ALTERNATIVES. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DESIRABLE IF A CLOSER DEGREE OF PROCEDURAL COORDINATION BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS COULD HAVE EVOLVED, AS HAS BEEN SO EFFECTIVELY A PART OF ALASKA HIGHWAY GAS PIPELINE PROJECT.

"I HOPE THE KITIMAT PROPOSAL COULD STILL BE DECIDED THROUGH NORMAL REGULATORY AND GOVERNMENT PROCESSES AND THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING IT WILL NOT REPRESENT A PRECEDENT FOR SUCH MATTERS IN REGARD TO FUTURE ENERGY PROJECTS.

"RESPECTFULLY,

"JAMES R. SCHLESINGER  
"SECRETARY"

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